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EMBASSY AND CONGEN ALEXANDRIA SUGGEST FOLLOWING TOPICS
FOR DISCUSSION AT TANGIER E/C OFFICERS' CONFERENCE:

1. BOYCOTT: WE SUPPORT SUGGESTION REFTEL AND FROM OTHER
POSTS THAT BOYCOTT BE MAJOR ITEM FOR DISCUSSION. WHILE

WE APPRECIATE SENSITIVITY OF ISSUE AND DIFFICULTIES OF INTERPRETATION POSED BY NEW LEGISLATION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE MORE PRECISE GUIDANCE THAN NOW AVAILABLE.

2. U. S. TAXATION: TAXATION OF AMERICANS WORKING ABROAD AND STATUS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES REMAIN SUBJECTS OF CONCERN. WE NOTE THAT OTHER POSTS HAVE SUGGESTED THIS ITEM.

3. PORT AND MARITIME AFFAIRS: WE, AND PERHAPS OTHER POSTS, WOULD FIND IT HELPFUL TO HAVE A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF AMERICAN SHIPPING PRACTICES, AS WELL AS SHIPPING AND PORT MANAGEMENT TERMS (E.G., LINER AND CHARTER TERMS, DESPATCH AND DEMURRAGE, CONFERENCES, CONFERENCE RATES, ETC.). DISCUSSION OF MECHANICS AND IMPLICATIONS OF IMPOSING SURCHARGES, WHILE PERHAPS TECHNICAL IN NATURE, WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO US, TOGETHER WITH POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASE OF U. S. FLAG SERVICE TO MIDDLE EAST.

4. FSL TRAINING: REVIEW OF RESULTS OF POST RESPONSES TO 77 STATE A-3217 ON SUBJECT OF TRAINING FOR LOCAL PERSONNEL WOULD BE USEFUL. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS.

5. FUTURE OF RTDO ATHENS: IF CONTINUED OPERATION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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RTDO REMAINS IN DOUBT, WE SUPPORT VIEW THAT USDOC OFFICIALS COULD BENEFIT AT CONFERENCE FROM FIRST-HAND DISCUSSIONS ON USEFULNESS OF ITS FUNCTION WITH REPS OF POSTS SERVED BY REGIONAL OFFICE.

6. MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY: FINALLY, WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE PRESENTATION AT SOME POINT ON STATE OF PLAY IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FORA WHICH ARE OR WILL BE DEALING WITH QUESTIONS OF MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY AS PART OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES, REVIEW OF MAJOR ISSUES AND ASSOCIATED U. S. POLICY OBJECTIVES OVER COMING YEAR WOULD BE INSTRUCTIVE, ALONG WITH OUTLINE INFORMATION ON VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL BODIES CONCERNED, TIMING OF FORTHCOMING DECISIONS AND, IF FEASIBLE, EARLY WARNING OF ANY ACTIONS THAT WILL BE EXPECTED OF POSTS ABROAD. EILTS

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